



State of Texas *

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County of Comal*

Proclamation

RECOGNIZING SLUMBER FALLS TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION MARKER AND DEDICATION

WHEREAS, Slumber Falls Camp, 3610 River Road, New Braunfels, Comal County, Texas, has been awarded a Texas Historical Commission subject marker designating the history of the camp to be a significant part of Texas history; and,

WHEREAS, Slumber Falls is located on the Guadalupe River Road four miles northwest of the city of New Braunfels. This area has been a popular swimming and picnicking site since the late 1800s. In the 1930s, Harry Landa sold 20 acres in the Veramendi survey to W.V. and Francis Schulz Lillie, and it was developed into a tourist court; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lillie and her brother, Herman Schrader, built 11 cabins one at a time as they could afford them. Advertised as "Paradise of the Hills," the camp was a popular tourist destination during a rapid increase in automobile tourism, particularly along River Road. The camp was a place to get away from the city and enjoy the beauty of a Hill Country river. Drought conditions closed the site as a tourist camp in 1957; and

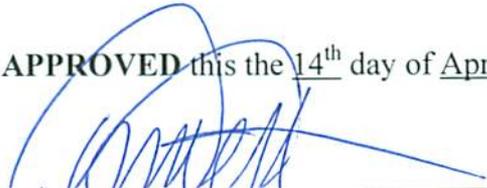
WHEREAS, As early as 1956, the Texas Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church (United Church of Christ) voted to seek a campsite for youth and adult activities. The wooded site with 11 cabins on limestone cliffs with majestic views overlooking the Guadalupe River was chosen. The property was purchased on December 31, 1957. Slumber Falls Camp, named for the peaceful and serene falls on the river, opened in the summer of 1958 with 385 campers and 100 staff; and

WHEREAS, The camp facilities expanded and evolved into a beautiful, naturally landscaped camp with updated facilities while maintaining several of the original tourist court cabins for a 1930s camping experience. The camp continues the tradition of providing a memorable camping and learning experience for youth and adults where they can slumber with the sound of waterfalls.

WHEREAS, A marker dedication will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 16, at the Slumber Falls Camp, 3610 River Road, New Braunfels, Comal County, Texas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Comal County Commissioners Court, duly convened and acting in its capacity as the governing body of Comal County, and the Comal County Historical Commission wish to commend you on your work towards receiving this marker and your dedication to historical preservation and recording the history of Comal County.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 14th day of April, 2016.


Sherman Krause, County Judge


Donna Eccleston, Commissioner Pct. 1


Scott Haag, Commissioner Pct. 2


Kevin Webb, Commissioner Pct. 3


Jen Crossover, Commissioner Pct. 4

Attest: 
Bobbie Koepf, County Clerk

